Retrenchment of ED Employees

1593. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Extra Departmental Stamp-vendors retrenched during 1986-87, 1987-88 and so far during the current year; and

(b) how many of them have since been taken back on duty as agreed to with the Unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price Fixation of Category I Drugs

1594. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3521 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has nit fixed the prices of a number of products falling under Category I;

(b) whether there is any time limit given to the drug companies to submit applications for non-leader packs and formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that drug companies have not submitted applications for non-leader packs and combinations based on category I drugs where reduction in prices are involved;

(d) what are the details of combinations of drugs and non-leader packs for which his Ministry has received the price applications;

(e) what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices in the absence of applications from drug companies; and

(f) how his Ministry is safeguarding the consumers' interests by delaying the reduction of prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Price fixation of formulations is a continuous process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c), (e) and (f) Wherever such cases have come to the notice of the Government, the concerned companies have been asked to submit their applications.

(d) The combinations involved are large and some of the information asked for are not readily available. Time and effort involved in the collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Representations received by the Kelkar Committee

1595. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical and consumer associations submitted representations directly to the Chairman, Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Members of Parliament have also submitted representations to the Committee for rectification of anomalies, mistakes and discrepancies in the Kelkar Committee Report directly to the Chairman on category II drugs;